

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

Scripture

Mark 15:6,11-20,33-39

Session Summary

In the criminal Barabbas we see an illustration of ourselves. While Barabbas was guilty of treason against the Roman Empire, we are guilty of cosmic treason against our Maker. Yet just as Barabbas was pardoned from his penalty and Jesus took his place, we who are in Christ by faith are pardoned of sin's penalty because Jesus took our place. In God's good and sovereign plan to save sinners like you and me, Jesus substituted His position as the innocent One for the position and penalty of a guilty one.

Conversation Questions

- When has someone showed mercy on us when we didn't deserve it?
- How can our family show mercy toward someone else this week?
- Why did Jesus have to take our place on the cross?
- How does this change the way we share the gospel with others?

Family Challenge

Give each family member a sticky note and instruct them to write down the name of someone who doesn't know Jesus. Discuss intentional ways that you can each share the gospel over the new few weeks with the person you wrote down on your sticky notes. Pray for the names written, then pray for one another that you would have boldness to share the good news of Jesus.